REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the above-identified Office Action.

Reexamination and reconsideration in light of the proposed amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

The Drawings

A replacement drawing sheet is submitted with this response. This replacement sheet contains Fig. 9 which has been amended to include the label "PRIOR ART." This amendment overcomes the objection under MPEP § 608.02(g).

The specification

The abstract has been amended to improve its form and to remove the objectionable use of the term "comprising." The specification has been revised in accordance with 37 CFR 1.77(b) to include appropriate headings and to add paragraph numbers. The revision is presented in the form of a Substitute Specification. A redline specification which shows the amendments is also submitted. The undersigned submits that no new matter is added.

Rejections Under 35 USC § 102

The rejection of claims 1 and 2 under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Scoledge is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1 and 2 have been amended in this response to clarify the claimed subject matter over the arrangement disclosed in Scoledge. Claim 1 now calls for:

A lamp comprising at least one lead rod and a plurality of filaments, wherein the plurality of filaments is arranged around the lead rod so that each lead rod has two filaments located on essentially diametrically opposite sides thereof and wherein groups of three filaments are arranged so that each of the three filaments is located at a point of a triangle which lies on a plane normal to the lead rod.

It is respectfully submitted that as the filaments of Scoledge are not arranged with any form of triangulation and are not arranged with the support rods 3 and 4 so that the support rods are between filaments so that two filaments are arranged on diametrical opposite sides of a rod. That is to say, as clearly illustrated in Figs. 1 and 3 the support rods 3 and 4 of Scoledge are located on the outboard sides of the assembly of filaments 9.

Newly Added Claims

In this response new claims 3-7 are presented for examination. Support for these claims comes from at least the drawings and the disclosure taken as a whole. These claims are patentable over the art of record in that they set forth subject matter which is neither disclosed nor suggested by the cited references.

Conclusion

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

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